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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

KENICHI TAKEKAWA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2673

SERIAL NO: 09/653,336 : :

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FOR: COORDINATE INPUTTING/DETECTING
APPARATUS AND METHOD DESIGNED
TO AVOID A TRAILING PHENOMENON

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SIR:

Prior to a further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16 and 17 to read as follows:¹

1. (Amended) A coordinate inputting/detecting apparatus, in which a designating device configured to designate a position in an at least substantially flat two-dimensional coordinate inputting/detecting area of the coordinate inputting/detecting apparatus is judged as located in a predetermined range of the coordinate inputting/detecting area when an optical detection signal of an optical unit, configured to optically detect the designating device inserted into the predetermined range of the coordinate inputting/detecting area, exceeds a first threshold value, and in which whether or not the designating device has been inserted

¹A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.

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